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## Youth Night '09 rocks Miss. Coliseum

By William H. Perkins Jr.  
Editor

The Mississippi Baptist Youth Night maintained its reputation as the largest annual gathering of Mississippi Baptists anywhere in the state, when more than 8,000 young people and their sponsors filled Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson on the evening of July 17.

"This well-behaved crowd of Christian young people was great," said Don Lum, who as director of evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board oversees the event. "The pastors, parents, and ministers in our Mississippi Baptist churches who brought their young people to Youth Night are to be commended. Many of those young people made life-changing decisions because they were there."

Lum pointed to one of the more than 200 decision cards that were turned in by counselors who talked with young people after the event. The card contained the names of two young people who rededicated their lives to Christ.

"They both said they desire to stop taking drugs and want somebody to help them and hold them accountable," Lum recounted. "They also desired to know how to grow closer to God."

"Youth Night is more than just the largest gathering of Mississippi Baptist teenagers under one roof. It has turned into an electric evening of praise and worship



**PRAISE IN SONG** — Jake Gullledge (left) of Atlanta leads in praise at the 2009 Mississippi Baptist Youth Night on July 17 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Organizers estimated that over 8,000 young people from churches all across Mississippi attended the annual event. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

of the King of Kings," said Mike Brister, Youth Night coordinator and student pastor at First Church, Jackson. "Jake Gullledge and his band did an outstanding job of leading us to the throne. Stuart Hall did a phenomenal job of challenging students to respond to the Gospel with their total lives and heart first, then with their mind, body, and relationships. Hundreds of teenagers responded to that call."

Lum thanked the committee that worked with Brister to produce Youth Night, and the volunteers who worked to make the event a success. The staffs of Garaywa Camp and Conference Center in Clinton and Central Hills Retreat — both Mississippi Baptist encampments — were also on hand to help.

"The volunteers are the folks who make Youth Night what it is," he said.

Plans are underway for a much-needed expansion in 2010, Lum said. "We have known

for some time that we are maxed out at the Coliseum in Jackson. The Coliseum staff has been great, but we have not been able to touch all of Mississippi because of the distance and expense involved with some folks coming to Jackson on a Friday night," he said.

A pair of Youth Nights will be held in 2010, Lum said — July 16 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson and July 17 at BancorpSouth Arena in Tupelo.

"I think we'll have well over 10,000 students at both sites. Our goal for the Tupelo site is 4,000 students. If this multi-site idea is a success, we will consider other venues around the state in the future," Lum said.

"We strongly believe we will be able to reach and impact more teenagers for the Kingdom," Brister said. "We will need the help of north Mississippi churches to make this happen. Get ready, Tupelo — we're coming your way!"

The Mississippi Baptist Youth Night has been a staple of the Mississippi Baptist Convention for almost 40 years. Lum said the 2010 Youth Night planning committee will soon begin its work, and suggestions and input will be appreciated. Lum can be contacted at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3278 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 278. E-mail: [dlum@mbcb.org](mailto:dlum@mbcb.org).

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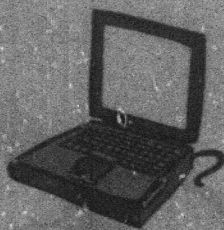
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**MESSAGE TO YOUTH** — Youth evangelist Stuart Hall of Atlanta delivers the keynote message at the 2009 Mississippi Baptist Youth Night on July 17 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. The event is by far the largest annual gathering of Mississippi Baptists and resulted in more than 200 decisions for Christ. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)





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# What happened, Rick?

Richard D. Warren, pastor of the Southern Baptist congregation at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Ca., has been hailed in recent years as the next generation's Billy Graham yet is so engaging and approachable that most people just call him "Rick." He's okay with that.

A master of divinity graduate of Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth and the author of several top-selling Christian books, the California native has overseen phenomenal growth at the multi-site Saddleback Church, by some estimates now the eighth-largest church in America.

He received a lot of news media attention for having the political heft to invite presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain to Saddleback Church for a debate during the 2008 campaign for the White House. They both accepted, and Warren was subsequently asked by the race's victor, Obama, to deliver the invocation at his January 2009 inaugural swearing-in on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Being such a high-profile evangelical has, of course, brought Warren intense scrutiny and vicious criticism. Critics rained slurs on him for his strong stands on such issues as same sex marriage and abortion, and called on Obama to scratch him from the inaugural program. Warren has of late seemingly backed off or qualified some of those previous, strong public pronouncements.

Some people would call it moderating his positions. Other people would call it waffling. Warren's most mystifying action in that regard occurred on July 4 at the annual con-

"AT ELEVEN, YOU'RE BRINGING THE BIBLE STUDY ON PASTING. THEN AT NOON, YOU GO WITH THE SENIOR ADULTS TO THE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT RESTAURANT."



vention of the Islamic Society of North America in Washington, D.C. Speaking to the 8,000 Muslims attending the meeting, Warren invited them to join him in solving a host of important world issues while "maintaining our separate traditions, maintaining our convictions without compromise."

"With over one billion Muslims and over two billion Christians, together as half the world we have to do something about modeling what it means to live in peace, to live in harmony," he told the group which, interestingly enough, was named by the federal government in 2007 as an unindicted co-conspirator in a case involving the financing of international terrorism.

The Investigative Project on Terrorism, founded by widely known American anti-terrorism expert Steve Emerson, lists the Islamic Society of North America as a supporter of

the radical Muslim Brotherhood and violent anti-Israel groups like Hamas and Hezbollah.

Warren also had a similar message for another front group intent on the spread of Islam, the Muslim Public Affairs Council, when he addressed the group in Los Angeles in December 2008.

There should not be a single Christian who opposes any attempt — anywhere, anytime — to bring lost people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. That includes the very Muslim groups that Warren has engaged over the past couple of years.

However, there is no mention in the voluminous reportage of Warren's Muslim encounters that he used the opportunities to witness to these large groups of lost people. There is no indication that he declared before them that Jesus Christ is more than a simple prophet, as so many of them believe — that He is Lord of All and those among us without Him are facing a desolate, eternal damnation. Instead, Warren advocated "maintaining our separate traditions, maintaining our convictions without compromise."

What happened, Rick? Why didn't you tell them there are no separate traditions, only the truth that we are all sinners saved by grace alone through Jesus Christ alone? Why didn't you explain to them that there is no conviction worth maintaining outside the conviction that God made a blood sacrifice through His Son to atone for our wickedness?

Reaching out to the lost is good, but reaching out to the lost with the immutable, unchanging Gospel message when we have the chance is beyond good. It is, after all, what we have been called to do (Matt. 28:18-20). It's time we started living that way before it's too late for the multitudes still in need of Jesus.

## GUEST OPINION:

### Bivo ministries on the move

By Joe Young, pastor  
Calvary Chapel Church  
Parchman



Church Pastors booth next year at the 2010 SBC annual meeting in Orlando, emphasizing the role of bivocationalists in the work of NAMB in evangelism and church planting. Mississippi will be represented by Jon Haines, bivocational pastor at Bradford Chapel Church in Calhoun County, and myself.

We have asked NAMB to appoint one person to give leadership to relationships with bivocational and small church pastors, to insure that the task of utilizing bivocational pastors and developing new missional leadership happens.

Though much remains to be done, bivocationalists can be grateful that there is a serious dialogue going on at every level to find the will of God and to provide leadership for what has always been a powerful force in missions — bivocational pastors and church planters.

I believe these are good days for bivocational ministry. For the first time in several years, we see an agency of our national convention seriously considering the challenge to be the leaders in the Bivocational Church Planting Movement.

Some bivocational leaders are disappointed with the words, "church planting," but evangelism and church planting are what we are about. It is what the Apostle Paul was about. We should not be frightened at those words. They do not mean every bivocational pastor will be a church planter, but they should mean that NAMB will work with all pastors, including bivocs, to develop them into a team of evangelists and church planters, or else a support team for church planters.

Certainly every pastor is to do the work of an evangelist. A

single leader at NAMB can help us move in that direction.

I hope it will mean that NAMB will be our ally in leading our churches to be missionally involved in some way, in a greater way than is true today.

This is a time for bivocs to stand tall and be counted. It is not a time to be complaining because the overtures from NAMB are not exactly what some want. NAMB must work within its mission statement, and we must not be like children disappointed with the game who take their toys and go home.

Pray for the leadership at NAMB as they work to find the shape of our relationship with them. After all, we only want to see the Lord's will done. If we have any other motive, it is not worthy.

I hope that all small church and bivocational pastors sense the excitement of the possibilities of one of our national SBC agencies assuming leadership of our work, and I pray that the members of the many small and bivocationally led churches will recognize the positive effects this can have on their congregations.

Young also pastors a Hispanic church and serves as a Hispanic mission strategist for the Mission Strategy division of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



# Sex orientation, gender identity protected

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — The U.S. Senate passed legislation on July 16 to expand hate crimes protections to include homosexuals and transgendered people.

The Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act gained approval as an amendment to a Department of Defense authorization bill, which is expected to be voted on the week of July 20-24. The amendment would add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to the current categories — such as religion and national origin — protected from hate crimes.

Sexual orientation includes homosexuality and bisexuality, while gender identity, or transgendered status, takes in transsexuals and cross-dressers.

The Senate voted 63-28 to invoke cloture, or stop debate, in order to bring the hate crimes amendment up for passage. A cloture effort requires 60 votes to be successful. Mississippi Senators Roger Wicker and Thad Cochran voted against cloture. The amendment then was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The House of Representatives passed a similar measure — the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, H.R. 1913 — with a 249-175 vote in late April. Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson voted in favor of the measure, while

Congressmen Travis Childers, Greg Harper, and Gene Taylor voted against the measure.

The Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) in Nashville and other groups oppose such efforts to expand hate crimes protection, based not only on their inclusion of categories defined by sexual behavior or identity, but also concerns about the potential impact on religious freedom.

They fear the measure, combined with existing law, could expose to prosecution Christians and others who proclaim the Bible's teaching that homosexual behavior and other sexual relations outside marriage are sinful. For example, if a person commits a violent act based on a victim's sexual orientation after hearing biblical teaching on the sinfulness of homosexual behavior, the preacher or teacher could be open to a charge of inducing the person to commit the crime, some foes say.

The Senate approved in a 78-13 roll call before the cloture vote an amendment by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., intended to protect the free exercise of religion and other First Amendment rights. Brownback's amendment says such freedoms are not to be infringed on under the hate crimes measure as long as their use is not intended to plan, prepare for, or incite physical violence.

"The Brownback amendment offers some needed protections for people of faith who express their faith convictions about homosexuality and certain other aberrant sexual behaviors," said Barrett Duke, the ERLC's vice president for public policy and research. "The amendment protects the pastor as long as his speech or other action was not 'intended' to lead to an act of violence."

"However, it does not protect a pastor from government scrutiny if a member of his congregation engages in an act of violence against someone in one of these protected groups after he has heard a negative statement from the pastor about the group. So, anyone who speaks against homosexuality or other aberrant sexual behaviors may be presumed guilty of inciting violence and be forced to prove his innocence."

"In addition, the Brownback amendment doesn't resolve other inherent problems in the bill. The bill still elevates homosexuality and other aberrant sexual behaviors to a specially protected class, and it still creates an opportunity for the prosecution of thought. Consequently, while we appreciate the protection that Senator Brownback gained for people of faith, the hate crimes bill is still inappropriate legislation and should be defeated."

Peter Sprigg, the Family Research Council's vice president for policy, welcomed the Brownback amendment but told Baptist Press that "the real threat to religious liberty may not come so much from the specific application of this bill but what may follow it. This may start us on a slippery slope to more restrictions. My concern is that just like domestic partnerships have paved the way for same-sex marriage, a law against hate crimes as acts of violence may pave the way for laws against hate speech."

"You still have a problem of a lack of equal protection. Some victims of violent crime are being granted more rights than other victims of violent crime. Even if in the end no one is

prosecuted simply for speaking against homosexual conduct, everyone who disapproves of homosexuality is stigmatized as being guilty of hatred."

The amendment also is unclear in defining who would fit the categories of sexual orientation and gender identity. ERLC President Richard Land said in a July 16 letter urging Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky to oppose the legislation. "While the American Psychiatric Association lists roughly 30 sexual orientations, including pedophilia, the term 'sexual orientation' is unspecified in the bill, and 'gender identity' is only loosely defined," Land wrote.

The Human Rights Campaign, the country's largest homosexual political organization, applauded the Senate's action on the bill.

All 28 votes against cloture on the amendment came from Republicans, including McConnell. President Obama has expressed support for expanding hate crimes law to include homosexuals, bisexuals, and transgendered people.

The Senate measure says a person commits a hate crime when he "willfully causes bodily injury to any person or, through the use of fire, a firearm, a dangerous weapon, or an explosive or incendiary device, attempts to cause bodily injury to any person, because of the actual or perceived religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability of any person."

The penalty for a hate crime could be as much as 10 years in prison or, in some cases, up to a life sentence. The legislation would authorize the U.S. attorney general to provide assistance to state and local officials in the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

The Senate approved similar hate crimes language in 2007 as part of the defense authorization measure, but it was removed from the final bill when it became clear the House would not pass it as part of the military measure.

## Abortion funds OK'd

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — The U.S. House of Representatives approved a bill on July 16 that will restore government funding for abortions in the District of Columbia. The House voted 219-208 for the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, H.R. 3170, after once again preventing pro-life members from offering an amendment that would have kept in place a ban on federal and local funds from being used to pay for abortions in the district. The spending bill also would eliminate a ban on government funds for domestic partnership benefits for both same-sex and opposite-sex couples in D.C., as well as a prohibition on the use of public money for an initiative to legalize marijuana in the district. Mississippi Congressman Bennie Thompson voted in favor of the measure, while Congressmen Travis Childers, Greg Harper, and Gene Taylor voted against the measure. The House vote came less than a week after U.S. President Barack Obama told Pope Benedict at the Vatican he was committed to reducing abortions in the United States. Obama's proposed budget, however, did not include the ban on abortion funds for the District of Columbia. "Many of us fought especially hard to prevent the abortion funding and we almost won, but in the end the pro-abortion House leadership twisted enough arms to squeak out a win," said Barrett Duke, the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission's vice president for public policy and research. "The District of Columbia already has one of the highest abortion rates in the nation. Last night's vote guarantees that the rate is going to increase, and taxpayers will be paying for that increase." Various studies have shown limitations on government funding of abortion produce a decline in the number of abortions. In June, the Guttmacher Institute, which is identified with the abortion rights movement, reported its review of literature on the subject showed about 25% of the women who would have had Medicaid-funded abortions chose instead to have their babies when they were barred from using public money.

## Looking back

### 10 years ago

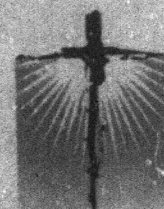
A total of 345 high school and junior high students gather July 19-23 on the Mississippi College campus for Super Summer 1999.

### 20 years ago

Former foreign missionary Dellana West O'Brien, president of the International Family and Children's Educational Service in Richmond, Va., is elected executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, succeeding Carolyn Weatherford.

### 50 years ago

Joe T. Odle, associate executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is elected by the executive committee of the board to serve as interim editor of the Baptist Record until the Board meets in September and elects an editor.



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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.



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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: John Four: Twenty-Four

## DEALING WITH THE MESS

As any mother knows and would readily agree, people are messy creatures. People make messes. I do not care if they are kids, senior adults, daddies, mommas, or who they are. It does not matter what area of life you are talking about. Take eating, for an example. You must prepare the food, eat the food, and clean up after the mess made from eating the food. People just go around creating a mess wherever they are, but that is a part of life and a part of the process of living. We mess up, cleanup, and do it all over again. Honestly, I did not know how bad the problem had gotten until I saw an ad from another city having to do with a cloth diaper service.

Now how accurate these figures are I do not know. The ad said that every year over 18 billion disposable diapers go into the sanitary landfills of America. In addition to that was the commentary that said that it takes approximately 500 years for a disposable diaper to disintegrate. Goodness, what a mess has been made. I am aware of space clutter, oil spills, air pollution, and on and on our messiness continues. However, I did not realize the enormity of the mess crisis until I saw the 18 billion per year figure.

My initial thought was who in this world is spending his or her time going around counting these things? What kind of a job is that? I wondered if someone is going to college to get a degree to get a job to go around counting disposable diapers that end up in the landfill. I am thankful that the Lord did not call me to that work.

As I saw those figures and tried to get my breath, I thought about how difficult it is to get past our messes. It just seems as though they stay with us. I know that is true when it comes to church messes. Most of the time when a church has a problem, there is some controversy within the membership. It could be a conflict with the pastor or a moral issue involving some of the people in the congregation.



## Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer  
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We think that we can take care of it, move on, and life will be okay. The mess is over, and we will press on because tomorrow is another day. No, it does not work that way.

In fact, like the diapers in the landfill, church messes seem to last for decades and sometimes centuries. Controversies, broken relationships, and the frayed feelings in the church at Corinth continued to be a topic of conversation two millennia later. Just read the book of I Corinthians for yourself, and you will find the body of Christ in the middle of a mess. They were squabbling over things like what was the most important spiritual gift, who had the most of the spiritual gifts of God, or even practical things like eating at church. Some people did not like the practice of eating at church. Others were concerned over what to do with a sinful, arrogant church member. We can create a mess. They did 2,000 years ago, and we still are capable of doing that today. Once we mess up everything, the unmessing is not easy to do.

How do you deal with a

mess, especially when it involves the people of God? Well, to return to the Scripture and that passage in I Corinthians, Paul said the way you deal with it is in love. That is why in the big messes in the church that are recorded in Scripture we find that magnificent chapter we refer to as the love chapter. I Corinthians 13 says, "The more excellent way is love."

Have you ever seen the people of God acting like anything but the people of God? Sure you have! There they are dealing with a mess and making it even messier by not dealing with it in love. Love changes everything. It changes the way we talk, the way we relate, the way we disagree, and the way we treat each other in every aspect of life.

Do you remember the 18 billion items that annually go to the landfills in America? How in the world do people deal with that situation? Well as you think about it, you realize that one by one, day by day, diaper by diaper, those messy situations are dealt with in care and in love. Love makes a differ-

ence! Do you know someone who needs love, somebody who needs gentle, caring, and encouraging love? Maybe you are the one to give it, but you may say that you are the one who needs it. I understand, but find some way to express loving concern to someone else, and you may be amazed at how much comes back to you.

One thing is for sure: the Lord Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Love fits that bill without question. As any young mom and dad can attest, one of life's enormous blessings is to be able to love someone who is so small that this little person cannot even respond and does not have the mechanism, the thought process, or the emotions to say, I love you. Even so, the joy of loving that little bundle of life cannot be calculated. So today forget the messes and go out determined that beyond all of the stuff that we stir up, we are going to love through it.

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*"The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love." Psalm 147:11*

**School Prayerwalk & Teachers Appreciation, (w/MSU Emphasis):** Forest BC is sending 14 team members to New York, July 25-August 1, to work with the Graffiti 2 Church, and to be involved in sports missions. Pray that God will use this unique ministry to reach those not ordinarily drawn to a church.

**Social Issues Emphasis: Sexual Purity (CAC Emphasis):** Pray for: (1) \* Scott Mathews, ICC, Philippines; (2) \* Barbara Marsh, HINDO, SE Asia; (3) \* Ashley Galt, ICC, SE Asia; (4) \* Jessica Humphreys, ICC, Philippines; (5) \* Margaret Bear, UM, SE Asia; (6) \* Derrika Odom, USM, SE Asia.

Lift up leaders of the "over-ground" in churches in Iran who are under surveillance and are often questioned about their activities. Pray that the Lord will give them wisdom when they speak to the authorities. Remember also the leaders of the growing number of underground house churches.

Pray for: (1) Summer Mission Camp for Boys, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 27th-31st (MM); (2) LifeWay Worship Leadership: Gloria, NM, 27th-31st (CM); (3) \* Danielle Williams, MC, Asia; (4) \* Pavel Urnache, WCU, Peru; (5) \* Amber Neal, MSU, Australia; (6) \* Ryan Richardson, JCIC, Moldova.

Pray for: (1) Last Chance Camp, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko, 3rd-7th (MM); (2) \* Derrika Odom, USM, SE Asia; (3) \* Heather Layton, WCU, Indonesia; (4) \* Kate Poore, MSU, SE Asia; (5) \* Kimberly Denton, MERIDIAN, Philippines; (6) \* Lizzie Gray, NWCC, Philippines.

Pray for: (1) CW/JC/MJC National Training: Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, 10th-12th (w/MSU); (2) \* Bruce Peters, ICC, SE Asia; (3) \* Travis Koster, ICC, Philippines; (4) \* Clayton Cooley, JCIC, SE Asia; (5) \* Justin Knight, JCIC, SE Asia; (6) \* Brittany Allen, MC, Philippines; (7) \* Sydney Kirk, MC, Philippines.

Pray for: (1) Children's Mission Camp for Boys & Girls, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 28th-30th (MM); (2) \* Christopher Thompson, JCIC, Moldova; (3) \* Marjorie Collier, USM, SE Asia; (4) \* Eric English, MSU, Peru; (5) \* Amanda Johnson, MSU, Middle East; (6) \* Amanda Jordan, MSU, Middle East.

Many Palestinians work as unskilled laborers. In Gaza and the West Bank, the Intifada (Uprising) against Israel, beginning September 2000, has devastated the local economy. Many live below the poverty line, \$650 per year for a family. Pray for God's mercy to be revealed and for the gospel to flourish.

Ask God to give discernment to Iranian church leaders on how to protect their underground churches and meet without being intimidated. Pray that new believers all over Iran who are being harassed will be protected and will overcome fear and experience the peace of God with the joy of the Lord as their strength.

Since the Islamic revolution of 1979, there has been an increase in spiritual interest in Iran. People are hungry for the gospel, and as many come to faith in Christ, there is a great demand for Christian books and materials in the language of Farsi. Pray for printers and distributors who place themselves in harm's way as they serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pray for: (1) Baptist Building AT HOME DAYS; (2) Numerous Russian-speaking churches have been planted across Central Asia, including churches comprised of Muslim-background believers. An Eastern Russian translation of the Bible has been produced, to reach Central Asians.

Churches in Iran desire to worship in spirit and in truth. They love to sing during worship services. Most churches are house churches and don't have enough songbooks and can't sing as they would like for fear of disturbing neighbors. Pray that God will gift musicians and worship leaders to minister in these churches.

Millions in Iran live in darkness because the Light has been kept from them by the powers of this dark world and by the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. The struggle against these evil spiritual rulers and authorities rages greater within than perhaps any other place on earth! Part of the work to reach the Persians of Iran with the gospel is prayer.

Give thanks to God for MN, an Iranian living in Turkey who is seeking God and has been interested in the gospel. Recently she indicated that she understood the decision she needed to make, and accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. Pray as she grows as a Christian. Pray that others will see Jesus in her.

Pray for: (1) New Staff Day, Baptist Building, Jackson/FBC (CG); (2) Pray for all of the many BSU summer missionaries all over the world who were not mentioned by name in these prayer requests.

Pray for: (1) Growing Churches, Harrisburg BC, Tupelo, 5th-6th (D&FM); (2) A team of 15 members from Central Hills BC in Parvle will travel to Ohio, 24th, to conduct Vacation Bible School and survey work in Wauseon, Ohio. Pray for this team as they minister in partnership with the local church, Haven Heights BC.

Ask the Lord to clothe the church in Iran with His humility and holiness. Pray that believers will be able to forgive when offended. Ask God to purify the church of competition, complaints and criticism. Pray that the church in Iran will be brought to complete unity and that any efforts of the evil one to bring division will not succeed. Pray that the Lord's servants will be one.

Pray for: (1) State Leadership Training for Churches, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko, 7th-9th (MM); (2) Bubba Boggs, SWCC, SE Asia; (3) \* Hunter Coy, UM, Philippines; (4) \* Leah Shackelford, UM, SE Asia; (5) \* Kyla Greer, HINDO, Philippines; (6) \* Aaron Ledbetter, ICC, Philippines.

Pray for: (1) Eleven volunteers from Thompson BC, Smithdale, will be on an evangelistic mission with the Urban Village Church, a new church plant in Vancouver, Canada. Ask God to use this group to reach the lost in this multi-ethnic culture; (2) \* Nicole Gilcrease, WCU, Middle East.

Area Preschool/Children's Choir Leadership Training, North Oxford BC, Oxford; Main Street BC, Hattiesburg (CM); (2) A team of 6 volunteers from Hillcrest BC, Myrtle, will be ministering through medical missions in Nicaragua, August 1-8. Ask God to work through these individuals as they help meet the physical needs of the people as well as the spiritual needs.

Pray that all Christians in Iran will live in the knowledge that God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline. Ask God to help them boldly declare the message of the gospel, even in the face of adversity.

\* These prayer requests include praying for a few of our 225 **BSU summer missionaries.** Their schools and destinations are listed. Their names have an \* before them.

## WHEREVER HE LEADS

### Colossians 4:2-5 (paraphrase)

- Devote yourselves to prayer and thanksgiving (v2)
- Share the message of Christ expectantly (v3-4)
- Make the most of every ministry opportunity (v5)

For more information, contact David Michel at (800) 748-1651, ext. 231.



## Men's Ministry State Leadership Training

August 7-8, Central Hills  
Friday 6 p.m. - Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

### SPECIAL GUESTS:

Jim Phillips-Fishers of Men-Pastor, North Greenwood BC  
Rob Carr-Royal Ambassador Specialist-NAMB

### RA'S:

Leading RAs-Parts 1 & 2, RAs-Publicity and Promotion in Your Church

### MEN:

Basics of Men's Ministry, Shadow Casters, Mission Opportunities for Men

### DISASTER RELIEF:

Introduction to Disaster Relief, Mud-Out, Blue Tarp

For more info: Carol Wright, 601-292-3334, cwright@mbcb.org

Cost:  
\$25  
per person



The following is a listing of contributions made to the Lord's work which were processed through the Business Office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from January 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009. An \*\*\* denotes a gift from the association. If you have any questions about the amounts reported for your church, please contact the Business Office at 601-968-3800 or 1-800-748-1651.

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>ADAMS</b>			
CALVARY	1,034.06	1,728.05	5,063.71
ST. JAMES LUTHERAN	12,341.68	2,061.09	18,775.72
CRAWFORD	1,430.00	1,547.00	3,077.00
FBC NITCHEZ	66,721.79	90,649.87	157,371.67
HIGHLAND	16,353.75	11,475.57	27,829.32
HAWKINS	4,768.00	5,842.00	13,611.44
WILSON TOWN	11,904.48	3,944.94	17,899.42
PARKWAY	42,547.32	17,121.49	59,668.81
SPRINGFIELD	2,114.40	2,348.00	4,462.40
STANTON	2,435.00	7,011.81	16,512.11
WASHINGTON	2,435.00	2,310.00	8,966.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,388.58</b>	<b>155,528.14</b>	<b>332,916.72</b>
<b>ALCON</b>			
ANTIOCH	1,348.71	7,274.81	10,623.52
BETHLEHEM	1,760.92	2,674.47	5,435.39
BRUSH CREEK	407.42	760.55	1,167.97
CALVARY	975.51	1,769.53	4,751.08
COUNTY LINE	600.00	6,235.00	8,400.00
DOVER	615.53	5,543.51	1,070.00
EAST CORINTH	4,541.00	4,909.92	9,450.95
FBC BIGGERSVILLE	1,040.98	2,476.72	4,380.32
FBC CORINTH	11,042.94	6,567.00	17,611.25
GLENDALE	4,768.00	4,657.26	10,425.26
GRACE	1,599.04	1,725.93	3,324.97
HOLLY	5,345.48	13,038.67	18,384.15
WACATO	227.53	747.52	1,075.05
CLIMPS CHAPEL	767.36	1,508.59	2,275.95
GRANDVIEW	75.00	31.28	473.20
KOSKUSKO	2,107.57	3,098.98	6,007.51
LONG OAK	620.00		300.00
LOVE BETH	116.91	616.91	733.82
NORTH CORINTH		70.00	150.00
OWLAND	59,800.75	74,578.37	133,679.11
GRACE RIDGE	2,307.87	4,042.82	6,430.69
RIDGE	4,051.49	12,615.79	16,667.28
SHILOH	6,104.16	4,452.84	89,541.20
SOUTH CORINTH	4,000.00	2,003.50	26,251.50
UNITY	22,403.83	20,709.37	42,613.40
TSCHOMING CHAPEL	1,977.65	2,034.81	5,902.46
TSCHUMBA	1,745.69	3,315.45	5,099.14
UNION	1,000.00	1,913.30	5,811.16
UNITY	122.42	870.56	637.08
WEST CORINTH	2,226.48	5,008.55	10,965.03
WHEELER GROVE	4,941.16	6,980.93	52,671.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,024.89</b>	<b>260,013.55</b>	<b>557,817.64</b>
<b>ATLANTA</b>			
ASSOCIATION		630.00	630.00
BEAR CREEK	1,101.80	472.00	
BREA	1,231.59	1,720.14	3,451.73
DE PAUL	135.42		70.84
CARSON RIDGE	75.00	225.00	
CENTER	202.20	367.00	7,400.00
COUNTY LINE	1,562.00	2,112.00	3,070.00
DOLY SPRINGS	311.45	1,122.91	1,624.36
DEWEER	1,221.00	2,510.00	2,731.00
ETHEL	8,152.17	6,402.74	17,787.91
FBC KOSKUSKO	105,659.36	70,170.57	178,257.00
HARVESTPOINT CHURCH	2,100.00	2,600.00	
HOLMES AVE	1,575.00	2,096.68	2,121.60
IRUSLEM	1,447.81	5,419.21	6,867.02
MCADAMS	4,493.17	9,551.37	14,346.44
MCDOOL	5,645.72	2,219.55	12,885.72
NEW HOPE		450.00	
NEW SALT LAKE	315.30	325.50	651.00
NORTH UNION	850.27	3,000.00	3,850.27
PARKWAY	4,160.81	11,523.91	15,584.72
PILGRIMS REST	711.95	2,562.99	3,274.94
PRINCE	3,800.00	6,476.68	12,576.68
SAND HILL	2,418.48	2,612.31	5,030.79
SECOND KOSKUSKO	2,112.44	3,946.40	6,058.84
SPONGDALE	2,723.00	1,695.00	4,050.00
UNITY	2,723.00	4,511.50	6,351.50
WILLIAMSBURG	26,344.79	27,864.31	54,209.10
YOCANOOKANY	974.53	1,941.54	3,171.07
ZAMA	634.71	5,041.38	5,071.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,284.03</b>	<b>197,089.34</b>	<b>378,373.37</b>
<b>BENTON-TIPPAN</b>			
ASSOCIATION		2,426.43	2,426.43

	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
SHRIM	1,399.72	6,005.17	7,404.89
TURKEY CREEK	81.50	1,836.00	1,917.50
WESTSIDE	2,011.25	1,531.00	3,542.25
Total	150,312.47	175,261.42	325,573.89
CARGO			
BLACK HAWK	344.87		344.87
CLAY	1,483.39	2,484.69	3,968.08
CARROLLTON	12,058.28	35,173.40	47,231.68
CENTREVILLE	365.80	495.00	860.80
COH	653.87		653.87
HICKORY GROVE	1,785.00	1,785.00	3,570.00
HILL VIEW	2,384.21	3,844.52	6,228.73
LIBERTY	2,146.45	1,261.79	3,408.24
MALMAISON	2,710.70	1,173.80	3,884.50
MAT ARLEY			
MT OLIVE	2,000.66	9,113.01	11,113.67
MT PEGAN	4,435.34	9,391.06	13,826.40
NEW BETH	1,815.41	1,581.54	3,396.95
NORTH CARROLLTON	6,542.15	4,284.77	10,826.92
POPLAR SPRINGS		100.00	100.00
PROSPERITY	4,261.47	3,346.31	7,607.78
SHRIM	2,140.00	2,765.00	4,905.00
VALEN	21,278.20	28,191.19	49,469.39
VALLEY HILL			
Total	72,025.40	122,704.87	194,730.27
CHICKASAW			
AMITY	2,307.53	2,386.21	4,693.74
ASBEE GROVE	1,712.50	9,971.25	11,683.75
BETHEL	5,921.18	180.00	6,101.18
CARNATION	1,303.45	218.00	1,521.45
PK HOUSTON	8,679.58	4,028.87	12,708.45
PK HOUSTON	2,000.00	22,155.46	24,155.46
PK WOODLAND	22,334.37	16,623.22	38,957.59
FLORHAM	345.94		345.94
WILSON		20.00	20.00
MT OLIVE	6,840.00	653.00	7,493.00
NEW PROSPECT	300.00	150.00	450.00
PASADAY	9,980.12	16,070.05	26,050.17
PLEASANT GROVE	1,210.00	1,835.00	3,045.00
PLEASANT RIDGE	900.00	770.00	1,670.00
POUCHEN VALLEY		92.28	92.28
VALLEY	1,760.94	9,035.00	10,795.94
VAN VLEET	1,187.00	705.00	1,892.00
Total	90,822.36	92,112.53	182,934.89
CHOCTAW			
CLERMONT	16,500.00	15,192.73	31,692.73
BETHLEHEM	763.00	773.00	1,536.00
BLUFF SPRINGS	75.00	650.00	725.00
BLUTH CREEK	2,665.00	2,666.00	5,331.00
CHICK	11,923.27	8,303.06	20,226.33
CHICKORD	606.89	2,748.89	3,355.78
CROSS ROADS	1,127.35	914.59	2,041.94
FELLOWSHIP		40.00	40.00
FLORHAM	126.00		126.00
FRENCH CAMP	1,060.94	2,049.37	3,110.31
HOPWELL	7,197.12	1,130.37	8,327.49
MT MORIAH	1,604.00		1,604.00
NEW HAVEN	1,186.27	9,111.29	10,297.56
NEW ZION	1,942.50	6,040.08	7,982.58
PROVIDENCE	1,127.25	481.10	1,608.35
PROVIDENCE	5,000.00	2,850.00	7,850.00
VICTORY	2,121.07	2,800.30	4,921.37
WIER	5,578.30	5,514.96	11,093.26
Total	57,435.38	64,232.07	121,667.45
CLARK			
ANTIOCH	738.67	365.00	1,103.67
CLAYTONIA	2,232.19	3,028.00	5,260.19
CALVARY	1,034.82	1,562.00	2,596.82
CENTER RIDGE	900.00	625.00	1,525.00
DESMOIS	4,365.77	855.26	5,221.03
EAST PLEASANT GROVE	800.00	2,889.75	3,689.75
ELIM	2,376.00	1,108.50	3,484.50
ENTERPRISE	21,925.44	17,496.62	39,422.06
PK OLITIMAN	45,038.53	4,010.06	49,048.59
PK STEPHENSON	1,000.00	1,004.09	2,004.09
HERRON	2,861.39	1,150.00	4,011.39
HERRON RIDGE	1,185.40	1,418.02	2,603.42
HEPHZIBAH	1,096.35	1,600.00	2,696.35
KNOX'S VALLEY	800.00		800.00
KNIGHTS ROSE	1,274.00	1,914.00	3,188.00
MT ZION	1,184.44	3,261.11	4,445.55
NORTH HUP CHAPEL	635.50	688.00	

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	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
WEST	1,677.01	368.26	1,845.27
Total	47,702.88	32,622.24	80,325.12
HUNTERDAYS			
BEAVER	6,082.75	4,835.87	10,918.62
CALVARY	131.35	526.20	657.55
EASTSIDE	8,668.15	10,409.23	19,077.38
PR. BELLEVILLE	1,437.35	1,107.23	2,544.58
PR. ELIZON	2,107.35	4,202.19	6,309.54
GRAND LAKE	2,614.00	1,781.51	4,395.51
SILVER CITY	4,612.45	6,222.49	10,834.94
Total	27,233.50	45,379.01	72,612.51
RAWAHUA			
ANTHONY	1,202.96	500.00	1,702.96
BETHANY	300.00		300.00
CALVARY	4,250.00	519.00	4,769.00
CORINTH	3,743.00	2,400.00	6,143.00
EVERGREEN	446.85	1,000.00	1,446.85
PR. TULTON	15,172.12	6,100.00	21,272.12
ORRVILLE	1,700.00	1,200.00	2,900.00
WILLOW	1,400.00	1,200.00	2,600.00
WINDING VIEW	400.00	2,900.00	3,300.00
NEW HOME	2,080.00	1,200.00	3,280.00
POPULAR SPRINGS	1,800.00	2,000.00	3,800.00
PROVIDENCE	1,100.00	1,200.00	2,300.00
SALUD	1,200.00	6,300.00	7,500.00
SHILOH	1,322.15	1,275.91	2,598.06
TRINITY	17,198.98	1,151.92	18,350.90
Total	52,135.54	40,093.94	92,229.48
JACKSON			
ARLINGTON HTGS	15,968.28	26,745.35	42,713.63
BELLE FOUNTAIN	11,191.48	2,114.87	13,306.35
CALVARY	1,928.35	3,820.03	5,748.38
CAMBRIDGE	9,928.35	4,122.55	14,050.90
EAST MOSS POINT	4,119.09	6,967.86	11,086.95
EASTLAWN	1,321.81	2,910.99	4,232.80
ARMANUE	5,010.00	5,010.00	10,020.00
CANTAWA	12,534.15	13,812.94	26,347.09
PR. CALVARY	45,581.75	49,138.19	94,719.94
PR. HELENA	3,633.00	7,672.60	11,305.60
PR. MOSS POINT	11,548.01	10,207.15	21,755.16
PR. OCEAN SPRINGS	18,994.12	1,693.00	20,687.12
PR. ORANGE GROVE	709.00	1,200.00	1,909.00
PR. PASCAVILLA	69,478.81	7,207.58	76,686.39
PR. VAN CLEVE	56,810.44	42,701.15	99,511.59
PORT BAY	996.00	3,224.44	4,220.44
PR. W. HILL CREEK	1,311.44	1,311.01	2,622.45
REARLUM CREEK	1,725.55	2,229.55	3,955.10
FREEDOM CHRN FELLOWSHIP	1,725.55	2,229.55	3,955.10
GRACE OF GULF COAST	2,155.89	2,241.74	4,397.63
CRANDALL	11,408.36	14,620.43	26,028.79
PR. BUCKLE AVENUE	14,008.88	20,367.97	34,376.85
PR. GOLF AVE	4,125.00	4,058.00	8,183.00
LAUREL	1,800.00	4,000.00	5,800.00
LAUREL BLVD	10,359.91	4,852.01	15,211.92
LILLY ORCHARD	799.70	999.67	1,799.37
MAGNOLIA	1,417.30	1,116.22	2,533.52
MARTIN BLUFF	1,900.00	2,500.00	4,400.00
PR. MILLER ROAD	1,660.00	1,760.00	3,420.00
MIDWAY	835.82	1,423.88	2,259.70
PARKWAY	3,035.70	3,621.70	6,657.40
PATHWAY	1,003.85	1,003.84	2,007.69
PR. LAKE	1,612.11	1,251.81	2,863.92
PR. NORTON	1,000.00		1,000.00
RANSAY HILLS	2,982.00	5,248.85	8,230.85
RED CREEK UNION	1,700.00	2,950.00	4,650.00
RED CREEK HEIGHTS	2,712.89	13,155.48	15,868.37
ROXBORO	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
TEMPLE	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
UNITY	4,344.83	11,191.91	15,536.74
WADE	46,756.35	21,784.90	68,541.25
WOODHAVEN	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
Total	415,807.12	403,598.11	819,405.23
JASPER			
ANTIOCH	5,374.91	5,417.00	10,791.91
DAY SPRINGS	31,382.90	69,104.99	100,487.89
BETHANY	1,076.42	1,048.74	2,125.16
CALVARY	832.92	1,535.57	2,368.49
CORINTH	3,020.00		3,020.00
DECEMBER		260.00	260.00
DOOD	18,652.61	13,488.88	32,141.49
ELSON	120.00	700.00	820.00
FAIR RIDGE	796.00	500.00	1,296.00
PR. MOSS	998.00		998.00
PR. ROSE HILL	1,900.00	1,255.00	3,155.00
FELLOWSHIP	2,164.11	2,660.00	4,824.11
HELEBERG	2,400.00	4,095.00	6,495.00
LAKE COMO	2,425.92	1,916.71	4,342.63
LIBERTY	1,800.00	1,800.00	3,600.00
LYNN	1,519.89	1,260.00	2,779.89
MONTICLOE	2,835.98	2,240.00	5,075.98
MT NERO	1,260.00	6,980.55	8,240.55
NEW BEGINNINGS		4,200.00	4,200.00
PR. FELLOWSHIP	2,174.10	1,703.82	3,877.92
PINE CROOK	770.00		770.00
SHADY GROVE FIRST	102.32	917.84	1,020.16
STINGER	1,096.40	1,773.40	2,869.80
UNION SEMINARY	2,000.00	1,136.00	3,136.00
Total	80,005.89	126,483.69	206,489.58
JONES			
ASSOCIATION		8,935.00	8,935.00
BETHANY	300.00	1,122.00	1,422.00
BETHLEHEM	3,082.32	8,867.49	11,949.81
CENTERVILLE	700.00	300.00	1,000.00
COUNTY LINE	7,748.00	7,035.50	14,783.50
EASTVIEW	6,501.00	1,900.00	8,401.00
SEMANUEL	1,500.00	1,410.00	2,910.00
FARFIELD	13,404.25	12,012.48	25,416.73
FATH	125.00	75.00	200.00
PR. BELLEVILLE	61,780.60	26,552.32	88,332.92
PR. CALVARY	7,906.61	26,283.08	34,189.69
PR. CHITT	1,057.00	5,970.00	7,027.00
PR. SHARON	26,041.00		26,041.00
PR. SOBO	6,000.00	2,100.00	8,100.00
FELLOWSHIP	419.75	7,100.00	7,519.75
FREEDOM	18,520.00	2,500.00	21,020.00
FRIENDSHIP	1,797.38	1,220.24	3,017.62
GLADE	19,571.88	10,820.21	30,392.09
GRACE	931.65	3,026.21	3,957.86
HARMONY		1,720.00	1,720.00
HERCUB	4,998.13	6,290.00	11,288.13
HERITAGE HEIGHTS	9,000.00	13,991.26	22,991.26
HIGH LAND	33,430.00	29,336.61	62,766.61
HOUSTON ROAD	4,500.00	2,000.00	6,500.00
MEADAM SPRINGS	6,363.14	28,891.91	35,255.05
QUINCY CHURCH	11,316.29	5,622.52	16,938.81
LAWN HAVEN	2,085.27	4,496.16	6,581.43
LOWERY CREEK	6,615.10	6,207.16	12,822.26
LYNN	2,400.00	12,775.23	15,175.23
MOBILE MEMORIAL	2,400.00	18,112.15	20,512.15
MYRICK	1,802.15	1,767.88	3,570.03
NEW HOPE	1,170.00	7,955.00	9,125.00
ORLAND GROVE	4,027.55	2,800.00	6,827.55
PR. HAVEN	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
PR. AN GROVE	907.00	1,302.00	2,209.00
PR. GROVE	700.00		700.00
PLAINWAY	7,255.55	13,133.34	20,388.89
PLUMANT HILLS	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
SAND HILL	30,379.72	18,575.65	48,955.37
SANDERSVILLE	10,995.00	12,816.00	23,811.00
SHELTON	9,010.00	2,296.00	11,306.00
SUMMERLAND	10,012.82	960.00	10,972.82
TRINITY	7,811.50	5,694.12	13,505.62
TUCKERS CROSSING	11,195.00	23,098.29	34,293.29
UNITY	6,406.47	18,800.00	25,206.47
WEST BELLEVILLE	18,773.85	18,800.00	37,573.85
WEST LAUREL		23,811.23	23,811.23
Total	576,859.99	464,001.25	1,040,861.24
KEMPER			
ASSOCIATION		270.00	270.00
DAY SPRINGS	2,894.66	3,709.00	6,603.66
BLACKWATER	1,161.00	1,660.00	2,821.00
BLUFF SPRINGS	1,149.00		1,149.00
CENTER GROVE	1,000.00	3,600.00	4,600.00
CHITT	969.60	738.00	1,707.60
DICKAL	4,444.55	2,370.00	6,814.55
LIBERTY	5,800.00	5,738.00	11,538.00
LYNN	4,700.99		4,700.99
PR. MOSS	1,696.22	5,498.25	7,194.47
UNION	1,279.00	1,279.00	2,558.00
UNION HILL		25.00	25.00
WALHALLA	1,000.00	140.00	1,140.00
WEST KEMPER	2,533.34	62,300.25	64,833.59
Total			
LAFAYETTE			
ANTIOCH	23,480.00	18,775.27	42,255.27
DAY SPRINGS		800.00	800.00
BETHANY	313.45	111.85	425.30
CALVARY	3,000.00	4,018.97	7,018.97
CLARK CREEK	12,284.29	11,670.00	23,954.29
CLARK HILL HEIGHTS	1,100.00	1,100.00	2,200.00
DAY	1,006.50	2,006.50	3,013.00
SEMANUEL	12.22	67.28	79.50
TRINITY	344.61	1,045.00	1,389.61
PR. ARBIVILLE	1,535.17	92,497.41	94,032.58
PR. OXFORD	139,633.51		139,633.51



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	PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
BOULEVARD	17,361.36	11,239.57	28,600.93
BROADWAY	16,400.25	22,619.91	39,020.16
CARRINGTON HILLS	16,621.91	17,619.25	34,241.16
CEDAR VIEW	6,754.58	1,490.00	8,244.58
CENTER HILL	1,607.46	1,366.20	2,973.66
CHURCH ROAD	10,000.00	1,338.55	11,338.55
COLONY HILLS	10,750.00	3,074.30	13,824.30
CONQUESTONE	1,600.00	-	1,600.00
CROOKED	-	400.00	400.00
DESHO HILLS	70,084.57	21,548.00	91,632.57
DESHO SPATIARIA	473.30	333.00	806.30
EVANSVILLE	4,450.33	3,399.55	7,849.88
FARMHAYEN	1,137.60	1,772.42	2,910.02
FAITH	-	1,077.40	1,077.40
FIC COLDWATER	20,562.48	1,688.42	22,250.90
FIC DAY	-	1,635.00	1,635.00
FIC LUDOKA	5,674.83	4,204.91	9,879.74
FIC HORN LAKE	14,066.56	6,983.26	21,049.82
FIC MESKI	6,355.63	6,043.29	12,398.92
FIC NEW BRANCH	-	48,279.10	48,279.10
FIC SENAYABA	69,154.17	46,464.97	115,619.14
FIC SOUTH AVENUE	17,441.74	4,936.70	22,378.44
FLAC LEE	3,474.22	-	3,474.22
GRACEWOOD	31,467.40	17,381.80	48,849.20
GRACEWOOD	6,367.40	6,367.50	12,734.90
GRIFFIN	750.00	-	750.00
GRITLAND	6,835.30	1,700.00	8,535.30
HERNANDO	17,132.73	5,436.00	22,568.73
HOLLY GROVE	1,985.81	2,676.10	4,661.91
HIGHLAND	6,855.39	5,596.81	12,452.20
IRRAWADDI	12,467.03	50,163.65	62,630.68
LAKE FOREST	2,180.81	10,341.31	12,522.12
LEWIS CHURCH	4,111.91	10,341.31	14,453.22
LONGVIEW HEIGHTS	126,634.42	41,135.08	167,769.50
LONDON POINT	70,243.50	114,113.53	184,357.03
LOUISIANA	7,810.10	1,278.11	9,088.21
LOVE COMMUNITY	1,080.00	1,579.00	2,659.00
LYONS	950.00	-	950.00
MADISON	437.77	-	437.77
MADISON BROOK	437.77	-	437.77
MY MANNA	6,445.00	5,887.00	12,332.00
MEZON DESOTO	1,090.74	-	1,090.74
NEW JAZZ	2,063.50	5,815.41	7,878.91
NEW JAZZ	-	586.00	586.00
NEW HOPE	2,238.55	1,071.00	3,309.55
NEW PROSPECT	1,679.42	4,014.91	5,694.33
OAK GROVE	15,308.00	20,027.11	35,335.11
ORANGE	6,731.79	664.60	7,396.39
PLEASANT HILL	-	500.00	500.00
SARAH	-	700.00	700.00
SOUTH HILL	248.91	-	248.91
ST. THOMAS	10,252.00	4,568.00	14,820.00
TRINITY - HERNANDO	4,181.20	-	4,181.20
TRINITY - SOUTH AVENUE	75,793.18	6,954.75	82,747.93
TWIN LAKES	1,800.00	1,462.18	3,262.18
TYNO	1,170.00	1,510.00	2,680.00
TYNO	11,982.55	16,999.00	28,981.55
WYATTE	-	1,579.00	1,579.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>786,555.49</b>	<b>564,451.08</b>	<b>1,351,006.57</b>
<b>VALMORISA</b>	<b>13,089.00</b>	<b>14,466.55</b>	<b>27,555.55</b>
CALVARY	557.00	879.00	1,436.00
CAMP GROUND	1,280.00	1,242.00	2,522.00
CLEAR SPRINGS	195.07	1,125.00	1,320.07
DELAID ROAD	50.00	-	50.00
ELMA	-	772.79	772.79
FIC COFFEEVILLE	12,745.00	9,172.26	21,917.26
FIC WHITE VALLEY	25,751.00	107,717.49	133,468.49
HORWELL	2,617.00	1,022.11	3,639.11
NEW JAZZ	900.00	-	900.00
O'DONALDO	2,537.00	2,666.25	5,203.25
PINE GROVE	1,061.36	530.68	1,592.04
SILVA BENA	6,919.47	1,774.97	8,694.44
TILLATONA	1,255.00	52,719.00	53,974.00
WALTON	1,255.00	1,255.00	2,510.00
WOODLAND HILLS	1,297.00	6,935.88	8,232.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,280.06</b>	<b>164,311.71</b>	<b>240,591.77</b>
<b>YAZOO</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>1,545.75</b>	<b>2,295.75</b>
ANDONG	750.00	1,065.00	1,815.00
BENTON	999.98	410.00	



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



1. Delay Road Church, Yalobusha Association



2. Harmony Church, Walnut



3. New Montpelier Church, Cedar Bluff

1. Delay Road Church, Yalobusha Association: May 31 - June 4; average attendance, 18.
2. Harmony Church, Walnut: Total enrollment, 209; average attendance, 170.
3. New Montpelier Church, Cedar Bluff: July 8 - 11; enrollment, 70; average attendance, 61; three professions of faith.
4. Montgomery Church, Summit: June 8 - 12; average attendance, 57.
5. Galilee First Church, Gloster: June 22 - 26; average 35 students and workers; one profession of faith.
6. Calvary Church, Columbia: June 14 - 18; 73 children and preschool participants; 14 teenage participants; 14 adult participants; 40 workers; five professions of faith.



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4. Montgomery Church, Summit



6. Calvary Church, Columbia

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## REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. First Church, Fulton, is planning their Centennial Celebration Oct. 24 - 25 and is in need of biographical information on the following pastors: A.J. Darling, H.T. Vaughn, D.H. Waters, C.W. Barnes, and L.M. Lott. If anyone has any pictures or short biography of any of these men, please send them to the history committee at First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 400, Fulton, MS 38843; email [hollinrb@nexband.com](mailto:hollinrb@nexband.com) or fax (662) 862-5793.
2. Wheeler Grove Church, Corinth: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 6:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Phil Hoskins, speaker; special singing nightly; Kara Blackard, pastor.
3. Calvary Church, Carroll County: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. nightly; Fletcher Moorman, speaker; Benny Rigby, music.
4. Antioch Church, Brandon: Homecoming, July 26, 10:30 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Vic Bowman, speaker.
5. Mount Olive Church, Smithdale: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Jerry Barlow, David Fortenberry, and Floyd Higginbotham, speakers; Lynn Harrington, music.
6. Main Street Church, Goodman: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Jimmy Furr, speaker; Walter and Teresa Simpson, music; John Parker, pastor.
7. Lakeside Church, Hattiesburg: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the ground and singing; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Mike Routon, speaker.
8. Bradford Chapel Church, Calhoun Association: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. nightly; Kenneth Armstrong, speaker; Steve and Becky Carver, music; Jon Haines, pastor.
9. Sapa Church, Eupora: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 11 a.m. followed by covered dish lunch and 7 p.m. nightly; finger food fellowship after Wednesday service; Doyle Cummings, speaker; Tom and Linda Thompson, music.
10. First Church, Lake: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Mark Vincent, speaker; Steven McMorris, music; Ken McLeMore, pastor.
11. Black Jack Church, Vaughan: Revival, July 26 - 29; 7 p.m. nightly; Gary Permenter, speaker; Tim Hubbard, music; David White, pastor.
12. Cash Church, Scott County Association: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., 10:45 a.m., followed by lunch; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Mike Everett, speaker; Gene Laton, music; M.L. Wallace, pastor.
13. Friendship Church, Ellisville: Homecoming, July 26; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m., followed by potluck lunch and building dedication; Roger Pruitt, pastor.
14. Fellowship Church, Taylorsville: Revival, July 26 - 29; Sun., Sunday School, 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m., followed by noon lunch and 1:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Danny Dickerson, speaker; Charles Yelverton, music.

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# Study: too much television viewing leads kids to sex

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Parents may now have a more urgent reason to monitor what their children watch on television, a new study suggests.

Researchers at Children's Hospital Boston found that early teen sex may be linked to viewing adult content on television as children. The study tracked children from ages six to 18 and found that the sooner children began to view adult content on television programs and movies, the earlier they became sexually active during adolescence.

"Television and movies are among the leading sources of information about sex and relationships for adolescents," said Hernan Delgado, a specialist in adolescent and young adult medicine at Children's Hospital Boston and the study's lead author, in a news release on the study. "Our research shows that their sexual attitudes and expectations are influenced much earlier in life."

Dwayne Hastings, vice president of communications at the Southern Baptist Ethics &

Religious Liberty Commission, agrees. "It is a proven fact that the unchecked, prurient content on television and in movie theaters is a primary factor in the coarsening of the culture," Hastings said. "Advertisers are willing to shell out millions of dollars for television commercials because they are confident they can sway our behavior."

"We should not be surprised then to discover that what we watch on television shapes attitudes toward sexuality while perverting God's design."

Parents, not television actors and actresses, should be introducing — in age appropriate steps — an understanding of human sexuality as God intended, Hastings added.

The study's 754 participants — 365 males and 389 females — were tracked during two stages, first in childhood and again from ages 12-18. During both stages, researchers recorded television programs and movies watched, along with the time spent watching them, over two sample days.

The program and movie titles determined what was considered adult content. In the second stage, researchers tracked the onset of sexual activity.

Some of the findings may shock parents. For example, the study found that over the two sample days, for every hour the youngest group of children — ages six to eight — watched adult

content on television, their chances of having sex during early adolescence rose 33%.

The reverse was not found to be true (i.e. becoming sexually active during adolescence did not increase youth's viewing of adult-targeted television and movies).

"Children have neither the life experience nor the brain development to fully differentiate between a reality they are moving toward and a fiction meant solely to entertain," warned David Bickham, staff scientist in the Center on Media and Child Health and co-author of the study, in the hospital's news release.

"Children learn from media, and when they watch media with sexual references and innuendos, our research suggests they are more likely to engage in sexual activity earlier in life."

## COLLEGE NEWS

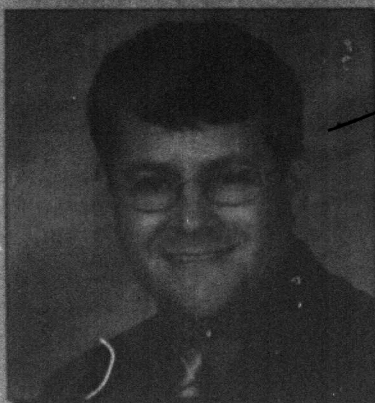
1. The Baptist Student Union of William Carey University will present the annual Survival Weekend for freshmen and transfer students August 21 through 23 on the Hattiesburg campus. Registration is Aug. 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Conference Center of Wilkes Hall. Students will meet with group leaders at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6 p.m. The first informational session is at 7 p.m. followed by small group discussions at 8 p.m. and dessert at 9 p.m. Breakfast is Aug. 22 at 8:15 a.m. Students will participate in a community service project from 8:45 a.m. until noon. Lunch at noon is followed by a 1 p.m. general session with small group discussions at 2 p.m. The Big Event is at 3 p.m. and dinner is at 5 p.m. Other informational sessions and small group meetings are planned. Aug. 23 students are invited to attend various local churches for worship. Students living in dorms will be allowed to move in on Aug. 21 beginning at 1 p.m. Registration for Survival Weekend is \$35 and includes a t-shirt, activities and meals. For information call (601) 318-6161 or visit [www.careysu.org](http://www.careysu.org).

2. Fifteen Mississippi College senior nursing students, plus three faculty members, partnered with First Church, Pharr, Tex., for a mission trip to Valles, Mexico July 12-17. The south Texas church is sending 26 people to help construct churches, assist with medical needs, establish Vacation Bible Schools, and bring interpreters. Shown is Kimberly Giles-Sheriff, a recent MC School of Nursing graduate from Jackson, working with Mel, a translator from South Texas, to assess the medical needs in a remote Mexican village.



2. Giles-Sheriff

## STAFF CHANGES



### 3. Rushing

1. Kerry Burroughs is available for supply in Yazoo and surrounding counties. Phone (662) 755-2389.
2. New Hope Church, Foxworth, has called don Blakeney as minister of music/associate pastor, effective June 28.
3. First Church, Newton, has called Brian Rushing as pastor, effective June 1. Rushing comes from First Church, Bay St. Louis.

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## BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

### Key Questions About The Triune God

Matthew 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Ephesians 1:3-14

By Lori Clendinning

Perhaps the title for this week's lesson, "Key Questions About the Triune God," ought to be changed. Somehow it seems more appropriate that it be titled, "Key Questions FOR Our Triune God."

Let's just agree upfront that there are some things that simply won't make sense to our addled human brains until we are cuddled up close in our Heavenly Daddy's arms. Undoubtedly, clasped in His embrace is where the tough questions are going to be asked and answered.

Just like our curious children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren here on earth, we're going to be asking questions such as "What was that, Daddy?" and "Why, Daddy?" With a

remarkable love and eternal patience that only God possesses, He's going to explain and explain and explain until we are completely satisfied. Sweetly mixed with all of His infinite knowledge will be our complete understanding and acceptance that, truly, He is Father... and, because He said so!

Yes, Heaven will be a wonderfully satisfying place, and we're going to learn so much about that which eluded or confused us and all that we ached over here on earth. But, unless He returns before this week's Sunday School lesson, most of us need to deal with the earthly questions of God and the Trinity.

God is. He is fully God, the Father. Somehow, He is also the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is one God, existing eter-



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nally in three Persons. However, these are not merely three roles God plays. The Father, Son, and Spirit are distinctly separate, but each person of the Trinity is fully God. And, still more mysterious, we know that there is only one God, not three separate gods.

Um, how exactly does that work, Daddy? Remember, this is one of those wonderful mysteries: something we are unable to fully and completely comprehend, but we are able to grow in our earth-bound understanding, thanks to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We can be better equipped to tell others about God, knowing that each Person of the Trinity is involved in our salvation. This knowledge compels us to worship and praise Him, the Triune God.

Remarkably, we can believe Him and praise Him at our most simple state of being. The littlest child, the simplest mind, and the brain-damaged can come before Him with

uncomplicated adoration. At the other end of the spectrum, the most exceptional, brilliant minds can weave in and out of the most challenging of God's mysteries and come to the same conclusion: there is a God, and we are created to praise Him.

God has created everything to point toward His existence, making it so that everyone can explore this universe to their heart's desire and still find Him at the end of their search. Plunge to the depths of every sea, fly to the farthest star in this galaxy and the next, or peer within every cell of our complex being, God is there.

Ever since Adam was shown that creatures could be paired, man's discoveries were ordained by God to confirm that He created it all. He is responsible for and deeply involved in every marvelous thing we uncover in this world. Every creature that was or will be unearthed points directly to God's wonderful, mind-boggling ability to create life. The Discovery Channel can't compete with what God will reveal to us as

belonging to Him. Deep within it all, there's a God-stamped trademark.

In the spiritual realm, God planned for our salvation in Christ even before creation. As God, the Son, Jesus achieved our salvation on the cross, defeating sin and death by His resurrection. God, the Holy Spirit, seals and secures our salvation until we're completed in Heaven. The Three are One.

Each Person of the Trinity is involved in our lives, and all point us to God that we may worship and praise Him. We are created by a Triune God who loves us and is utterly involved in our search for Him. As Jeremiah states in chapter 29, "We will seek Him and find Him when we search for Him with all of our hearts. I will be found by you, declares the Lord."

And there it is: the assurance that whatever our question is or will be, God has and is our Answer. Thank You, Daddy.

Clendinning is a member of First Baptist Church, Brandon.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

### How Genuine Are You?

James 1:19-27

By Jim Burnett

Silk or polyester? Wool or micro fiber? 100% cotton or 60% rayon 40% cotton? On the label of garments we purchase is a material disclosure that reveals where the clothing was made and what fabric went into producing it. But how can one know beyond the label if the apparel is indeed genuinely made of that material? A sure way of verifying its authenticity is by putting it on and wearing it.

Today in our study, James gives us some criteria for determining whether or not our faith in Christ is genuine or synthetic, the real McCoy or a decoy. It all boils down to what a person does with the word of God. Have you truly put on the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you the real deal?

#### Accept God's Word (James 1:19-21)

According to James, one fool-proof way to determine the genuineness of our faith is to evaluate the receptivity of our hearts to the word of God. Does truth dictate our actions and attitudes? Specifically, are we quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger? Or, are we slow to hear, quick to speak, and quick to anger?

Claiming to be an authentic Christian is one thing, but verbal confession must be backed by a consistent lifestyle. In other words, our behavior says a whole lot more about what we believe than do our articulated beliefs.

#### Act On God's Word (James 1:22-25)

Authentic believers not only accept God's word as truth, but they act on the truth of God's

Burnett

word. James describes this as being a doer of the word, not only a hearer.

It is not enough to simply go to church and hear the word taught in Sunday school or preached in worship. The truth one hears must be appropriated and applied to have any effect. Reading the Bible daily is a vain discipline if the truth read does not transform.

Like James, the Apostle John believed in acting on truth: Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near (Revelation 1:3 NIV). In our weekly church bulletin there is a sermon insert outlining the message. At the end of the outline is an application exercise that encourages every hearer to become a doer. Why? Because each time a believer reads or hears truth, he is responsible to God to take action.

Do you study the word of

God consistently and vigorously so that you will not only be informed but transformed? Are you connected to a small group whether a Sunday school class, Bible study, or cell team that is committed to the study and application of God's word? And if so, how effective is your group at putting into shoe leather what is being learned? In other words, how much ministry has been implemented as a result of the lessons being studied? Is truth learned in class translating to community ministry?

#### Apply God's Word (James 1:26-27)

In the remaining verses of chapter one, James poignantly reminds us that religion inspired and empowered by God acts as a tongue depressor. Through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, we can carefully select not only our words but the tone in which we speak them. Conversely, if a person shows no tongue restraint, his religion is worthless and full of deception. Controlling the

tongue requires the heart to be governed by God. Spoken words are simply samplings of what is in the reservoir of our hearts: "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45 NIV).

James proceeds to tell us in the last two verses of chapter one that pure and undefiled religion demonstrates itself through moral purity and service to the underprivileged. Christians must be in motion ministering to the disenfranchised, the homeless, the widow, the hungry. And we must live lives that reflect the holiness of our Lord. If we ignore or avoid human need, surely the religion we practice is void of God and worthless to the world. Furthermore if our lives lack moral integrity they will also lack credibility.

Burnett is pastor of Willow Pointe Church, Hattiesburg.

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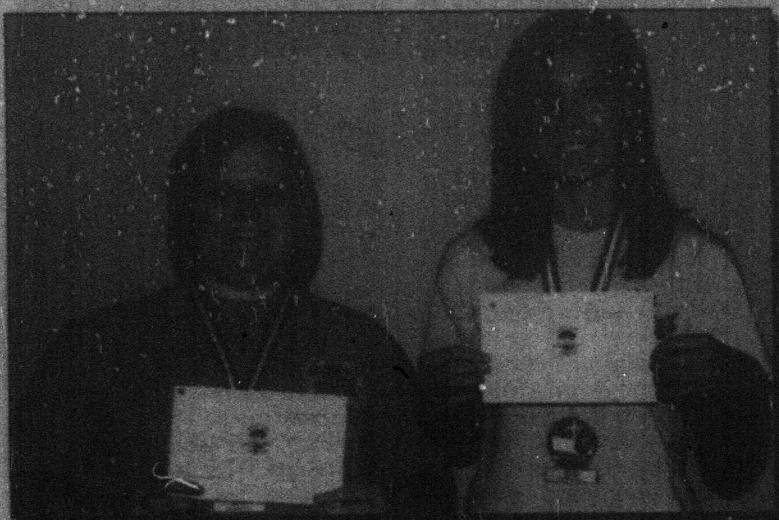
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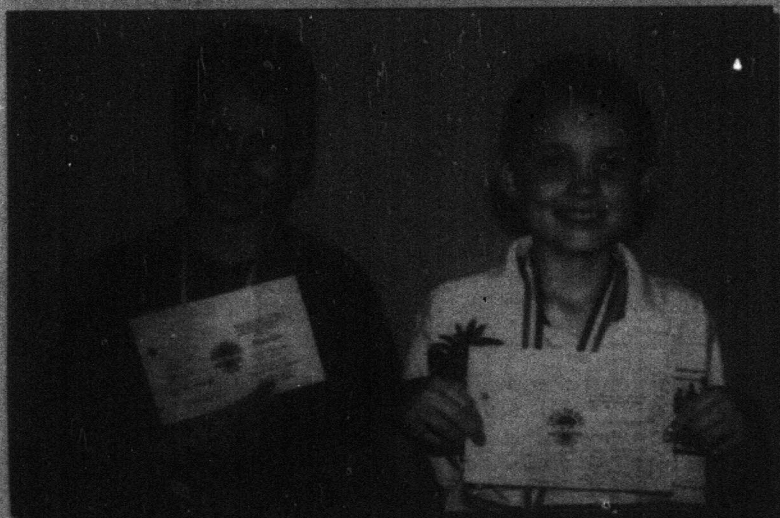
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## JUST FOR THE RECORD



4a. James and Peebles



4b. Bates and Thaggard



6. Tyro Church ordination



7. Wicker and Moak



1. Fairview Church, Columbus, is hosting a Living Proof Live Simulcast featuring Beth Moore and Travis Cottrell Aug. 28 - 29. Free tickets are available by contacting the church office at (662) 328-2924 or email fairviewsimulcast@yahoo.com.

2. River Bend Church, Aberdeen, is hosting The Miracles, a singing group from The Baddour Center, Senatobia, Aug. 30, 6 p.m.

3. Cleary Church, Florence, will present a Gospel dinner show Aug. 8, 6 p.m., with performances by Redemption Quartet, Song of Grace, Eternity Trio, and Big Earl from Pearl. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$5 children, and should be purchased by July 29. For information, call (601) 845-2020.

4. Coldwater Church, Philadelphia, recently recognized Heather James and Megan Peebles for nine years in Bible drills; and children's drillers Mason Bates and Cody Thaggard.

5. Mt. Nelson Baptist Church (Neshoba Assn.) recently ordained Osvaldo Meruvia as deacon.

6. Tyro Church, Senatobia, recently ordained Chester Beasley to the music ministry. Shown is Beasley receiving a Bible by pastor Bill Patton.

7. Victory Church, Lincoln Association, licensed Eric Moak to the ministry May 17. Shown are pastor Thomas Wicker and Moak.

8. A group from Temple Church, Forest, went to Mexico on a mission trip to help local churches with VBS. Shown, front, are Tasha Craft, Salina McCoy, and Kevin Yarborough; back, pastor Chris Deupree.

9. Seven people from Calvary Chapel, Parchman, and 28 from 15 other churches participated in the 17th annual Calvary Mexico Mission July 3 - 11. The team fielded three VBS teams that taught 643 children at eight sights, and a medical team that treated 461 patients. A construction team prepared a

church foundation and poured 28 cubic meters of concrete. One hundred twenty-five people received Christ. Shown are the participants.

10. Parkway Church, Hernando, recently broke ground on a 7000 sq. ft. educational building. Shown are the participants.

11. The youth of New Montpelier Church, Cedar Bluff, attended Centrifuge at Mississippi College June 14 - 18, with 12 youth and five adults. Shown are the participants.



8. Temple Church, Forest



9. Calvary Mexico Mission



10. Parkway Church, Hernando



11. New Montpelier Church, Cedar Bluff